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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), an extension of time of three (3) months (from November 24, 2001 to February 25, 2002) within which to respond to the Office Action dated August 24, 2001, is requested. Two checks totally \$1,660.00 are enclosed herewith to cover the Request for Continued Examination (RCE) and the extension fee. The Commissioner is authorized to charge to Deposit Account No. 16-0631 any underpayments, overpayments or additionally required fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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